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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7256

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

UNCLAS MADRID 6702

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS OREP; SWEL; XY

SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REF STATE 224278 AND 224832

1. EMBASSY WILL MEET CODEL ON ARRIVAL AT MADRID AND ARRANGE FOR LUNCH AT HOTEL BARAJAS (CLOSE TO AIRPORT), INASMUCH AS LESS THAN FOUR HOURS ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN FLIGHTS.

2. MFA HAS BEEN INFORMED OF CODEL'S BRIEF STOPOVER IN MADRID AS WELL AS PLANS TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN SPANISH SAHARA NOV 21-22 AND VISIT DROUGHT AREA VIA CHARTER AIRCRAFT. MFA NOTED THAT SPECIAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR SPANISH SAHARA AFFAIRS MUST CLEAR VISIT AND, IN RESPONSE TO MFA'S REQUEST, EMBASSY HAS JUST SENT NOTE INFORMING MINISTRY OF CODEL'S PLANS FOR SPANISH SAHARA STAY. MEANWHILE, MFA HAS ASKED FOR MORE PARTICULARS ABOUT CODEL'S PLANS SUCH AS PASSPORT INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF CODEL.

3. THERE IS NATIONAL PARADOR AT EL AIUN WHICH MFA DESCRIBES AS HAVING MODERN STANDARDS. EMBASSY HAS ASKED MFA TO ASSIST IN MAKING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NOV 21. RESERBATIONS STILL BEING HELD AT HOTLE CRISTINA (ONE DOUBLE AND FIVE SINGLES) IN LAS PALMAS FOR CODEL FOR NIGHT OF NOV 21. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE SHOULD CANCEL.

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4. EMBASSY PLANS TO CONTACT DIRECTLY PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPANISH SAHARA TO ENSURE PROMPT HANDLING OF CODEL'S CLEARANCE AND FACILITATION OF VISIT. IN INTEREST OF SPEEDING UP PROCESS EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 2 BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION HERE, FLIGHT IB 996 ARRIVES MADRID 0900 NOV 21 INSTEAD OF 1045. FLIGHT IB 111 DEPARTS MADRID AT 1305 INSTEAD OF 1435 ON NOV 21. IBERIA INFORMS EMBASSY THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RESERVATION FOR CODEL DIGGS TRAVEL VIA FLIGHT IB 111.

6. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO OWEN B. LEE.
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